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CAPTURE OF EIGHT COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES
BY CUBAN ARMED FORCES, FEBRUARY 21, 1963
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

for review at FBIHQ by

HSCA 3-14-78

Reurairtel 3/1/63 and Bulet to Assistant Attorney General
Yeagley 3/6/63, copies of which were furnished to recipients.

Attached for each office is copy of self-explanatory
Department letter dated March 15, 1963. Immediately institute
requested investigation.

Miami during course of its investigation endeavor to
identify the other individuals who participated in this venture.
From available data it appears that there are two such individuals
and that they returned to U. S. with Roy Hargraves.

Bureau realizes that only MM 639-S, Bureau informant in
this matter, and three others have knowledge of Hargraves' account
of the expedition. Nevertheless, interviews with him as well as
with Rolando Masferrer who allegedly supplied money and weapons
would be desirable. Since Eleno Oviedo Alvarez, who like Hargraves
was connected with "Interpen," was captured by Cuban authorities,
it is felt that members of Interpen including Hargraves, Hemming
and others could be interviewed without jeopardizing Bureau informant.
Unless some reason exists to contrary, members of Interpen should be
interviewed. In view of the unsavory background of members of
Interpen be most circumspect during these interviews. (M)

Enclosure

1 - New York (Enclosure)
1 - San Juan (Enclosure)

Tolson
Belmont
Mohr
Casper
Callahan
Conrad
DeLoach
Evans
Gale
Rosen
Sullivan
Tavel
Trotter
Tele. Room
Holmes
Gandy

1 - 2-1622 (Masferrer)
1 - 2-1693 (Interpen)

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Airtel to SAC, Miami
Re: CAPTURE OF EIGHT COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES
BY CUBAN ARMED FORCES, FEBRUARY 21, 1963
105-118615

New York Office has interviewed Masferrer on numerous occasions and he has admitted supplying weapons to anti-Castro groups. Bureau feels that following your interview of Interpen members who might implicate Masferrer he should be interviewed by New York Office. The interview of Masferrer, following the interview of Interpen members, would have tendency to throw suspicion away from your informant as source of the information implicating him and cast it on Interpen members. Following your interviews of Interpen members, set out lead to have New York Office interview Masferrer.

In submitting the results of your inquiries use new title which will include names of all of the individuals involved in this matter as subjects, beginning with Hargraves.

Handle expeditiously.

NOTE:

Memorandum Wannall to Sullivan 3/5/63 advised that Cubans captured eight counterrevolutionaries and had repossessed two fishing vessels which this group had allegedly seized. Information provided by MM 639-S indicated that Hargraves, American soldier of fortune, apparently led this group, left them on Elbow Cay in the Bahamas where he presumes they were captured by Cubans. Hargraves and two others reportedly returned to Miami prior to the capture of the eight counterrevolutionaries. Gerald Patrick Hemming, head of Interpen and soldier of fortune, undoubtedly knows of this matter and we know he is close to Miami Attorney representing the eight who were captured. We presented facts to Department and Department has requested we conduct investigation to determine whether there was a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code Section 960 (organizing expedition from U. S.) or conspiracy to violate this section. Since group originally left from U.S. possibility of neutrality violation exists. *(H/m)*

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Cuba

For your information, this Division is currently reviewing the available information in the matter involving the arrest on December 4, 1963 at a dock at Marathon, Florida, of Eleno Olviedo Alvarez, Roy Hargraves, Gerald Patrick Hemming and some 10 other individuals associated with Hemming in his anti-Castro group, "Intercontinental Penetration Forces," to determine whether the available admissible evidence would be sufficient to sustain a successful prosecution of these individuals for violation of 18 U.S.C. 960.

In the event the allegations set forth in your memorandum dated March 6, 1963 can be established, it is our opinion that the military enterprise which resulted in the capture by the Castro forces of the eight counter-revolutionaries who had reportedly departed from South Florida, could conceivably constitute a violation of Section 960. Accordingly, it is requested that an appropriate investigation be conducted by the Bureau in this matter under Section 960 or a conspiracy to violate that code section.

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